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WE RECOMMEND

ORIGINAL COVER ALBUM

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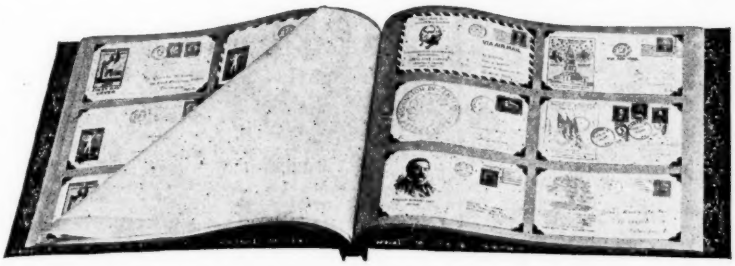

A Cover Album at a Price That Will Meet With Your Approval

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A Cover Album for all kinds, sizes and shapes of covers. This album meets the need of the collector of Air Mail Covers, Cacheted Covers, First Day Covers, Entire Envelopes, Stampless Covers, Foreign or U. S. Covers of any kind or size.

The binder is the Chicago Screw Post style of binding, pages easily and quickly interchangeable. The binder is of heavy board, covered with a rich maroon cloth in imitation of leather, stamped with title and name in gilt, inner lining is a fancy art paper.

The pages are 13 inches high by 17 inches wide, pages are of a heavy art cover paper in a French Gray color, mounting pages are interleaved with a piece of very tough and thin white onion skin, thus permitting mounting covers on both sides of the page without danger of rubbing or snagging. This gives the book double capacity and for standard size envelopes, will hold six covers to the page. The album of 25 pages will thus hold 300 covers. Every page is also interleaved with a stub to allow for expansion, so that when filled the book will not bulge.

Note the beauty of this album in the illustration shown. You cannot find a better, more practical or a cheaper method of keeping your covers in a way that will permit their display.

Album holds 300 covers—cost is but one cent per cover for this high quality, practical cover album. (Covers should be mounted with art corners.)

Price for the Album Complete $3.00

(Carriage extra—shipping weight 5 pounds)

EXTRA PAGE UNITS—TO DOUBLE CAPACITY

An extra unit of 25 pages, together with 25 white interleaf sheets and 30 punched stub strips and three extra 2 inch brass posts for enlarging capacity of Album to 50 pages. Price **$1.50**
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EXPANSION ◈ ALBUM ◈

JUST what its name implies, built so that it may be expanded to three or four times its original capacity. Sold with 100 pages, you may add another 100 or 200 pages in the same binder, no additional cost for binders.

THE BINDER is of the finest workmanship, built to last a lifetime, heavy board, a full quarter inch thick, covered with red Buckram with black leather corners, round cornered and hinge of black leather. The backstrip is of tubular aluminum covered with black leather. A substantial heavy binder that will stand hard usage. Cover stamped in gold.

Both front and back covers are separate pieces, pages are held between covers with brass screw posts which permits of expansion to any thickness.

PAGES are 11¼x11⅜ inches, round cornered, printed on 28 pound ledger paper. Printed from quadrille plates in grey ink, with a mounting area 9½x7½ inches. Pages are marked in quarters for easy arrangement in mounting.

The album lays open readily at any point and a stub is included between each ten pages so as to allow for expansion.

A new idea in albums. yet a practical one that will permit of expansion and addition of more pages without buying extra binders.

The album is built of highest quality material, solid, substantial and economical.

PRICES	Shipping Weight	
Album complete, 100 pages	5 lbs.	$4.50
Binder alone	3 lbs.	3.00
Extra pages, per 100, including extra expansion posts	3 lbs.	1.60
Glassine Paper for Interleaving, per 100		.75

(Carriage extra, see shipping weight above.)

STAMP PORTRAITS

- *Will Beautify Your Album Pages* -

Two beautiful sets of portraits of celebrities as pictured on United States Postage Stamps.

A set of the twelve different portraits of George Washington, as shown on the Washington Bicentennial Stamps and another set of fourteen different portraits of great Americans and Foreign celebrities as pictured on United States Commemorative stamps.

Each of these sets of portraits represent an initial cost of more than $100.00 for the first set that was printed. They are from original artists' drawings and photographs of original paintings, made into fine copper plate halftones, printed in black and surrounded by an artistic frame in three colors, slate, gray and gold, appearing as beautiful and artistic miniatures on fine coated paper, 2¼x2 inches in size.

Either set, postpaid	15c
Both sets, postpaid	25c

Linprint Products

OLYMPIC ALBUM—100 quadrille pages, 9¼ x 8 inches, loose leaf screw post binder, heavy art paper cover in four colors. (Shipping weight 1 pound) ..... **Price 50c**

COLUMBUS ALBUM—100 quadrille pages of rag bond paper, 11x8½ inch size, binder is three one inch rings with automatic opening device, substantial black leather grained Fabricoid, nicely finished. (Shipping weight 4 pounds) ..... **Price $2.50**

PRACTICAL COVER ALBUM—Screw post binder of heavy board covered with green cloth with art name label, 25 pages 13⅜x10⅛ interleaved with art parchmyn paper. Pages of gray antique cover paper, album will hold 150 covers. (Shipping weight 5 pounds) ..... **Price 2.00**

LINPRINT UNIVERSAL PRECANCEL ALBUM—37 varieties of loose leaf pages can be bought in units of ten pages of a kind or in sets to fit the Bureau Issues. Priced at an average of 75c per 100 pages. Binder, three ring, good quality at ..... **$1.00** Investigate this album if you want something for precancels or for many other kinds of stamps.

ENGLAND ALBUM—100 pages with 25 spaces to each page, 9¼x8 inches, loose leaf screw post binder, heavy art paper cover in four colors. (Shipping weight 1 pound) **Price 50c**

BROWNIE ALBUM—100 quadrille pages. Fine rag bond paper, 11x8½ inch, in spring back binder finished in brown fabricoid. (Shipping weight 4 pounds) ..... **Price $2.75**

EXPANSION ALBUM—100 pages, quadrille ruled, heavy weight ledger paper, 11¼x11⅜ inches, screw post binder that will expand to hold 200 to 300 pages. Binder of extra heavy boards covered with red buckram with black leather back and corners, gold stamped. The most substantial and biggest value in any quality album on the market. (Shipping weight 5 pounds) ..... **Price $4.50**

ORIGINAL COVER ALBUM—Screw post binder of heavy board covered with maroon cloth of handsome finish, stamped in gold, 25 pages of antique gray cover paper interleaved with embossed parchmyn. Pages 13x17 inches, hold six covers on each side, 300 covers in the book. A beauty. (Shipping weight 3 pounds) ..... **Price $3.00**

GLASSINE PAPER and KODAPAK

For Interleaving Your Album Pages and For Stamp Display

Glassine Paper and Kodapak are used extensively for Interleaving Album pages and to prevent stamps from rubbing or snagging. While Kodapak is thoroughly transparent, clear as crystal, it is more expensive than Glassine and will split and tear more readily. Glassine paper has been used extensively and has proven satisfactory for interleaving.

We supply either item cut in proper sizes for many different albums and quote prices for both items. When supplied for ring or post binder albums, the proper holes are punched in the paper, to fit the albums as listed below. All sizes are quoted slightly smaller than the album pages as it is most satisfactory in that form.

	Glassine	Kodapak
9x7⅞ in. For Olympic, Enyland or Blue Boy Album	$ .50	$1.00
10¾x8⅜ in. For Brownie Album	.50	1.00
10¾x8⅜ in. For Columbus Album or any standard three ring binder	.60	1.00
11x9 in. For Scott International Albums, unpunched	.65	1.10
11x9⅝ in. For Unit System Album	.65	1.20
11x11¼ in. For Expansion Album	.75	1.25

MISCELLANEOUS SIZES IN STOCK—ALL UNPUNCHED

Glassine and Kodapak, especially the latter are extensively used for display purposes, for wrapping or covering stamps for display in albums and otherwise.

KODAPAK

Size In.	100 Shts.	1000 Shts.	Size In.	100 Shts.	1000 Shts.
1¾x2	$ .15	1.30	5x8	$ .65	4.25
2½x4	.20	1.75	6x9	.80	6.50
3x4½	.25	2.00	8x10	1.25	10.00
4x5	.35	2.75			
4½x6	.45	3.75	9x12	1.50	12.00

GLASSINE

Size In.	100 Shts.	1000 Shts.	Size In.	100 Shts.	1000 Shts.
2½x4	$ .15	1.25	5x8	$ .30	2.25
3x4½	.20	1.50	6x9	.35	2.75
4x5	.20	1.50	8x10	.45	3.75
4½x6	.25	2.00	9x12	.50	4.00

(All above items are sent prepaid at prices quoted.)

BROWNIE SPRING BINDER

Loose Leaf Postage Stamp Album

A high quality, low priced, loose leaf spring back album that has pleased collectors

BINDER—A spring back binder of excellent quality finished in a rich brown Levant Grained Fabricoid. Sunken panel on front with attractive name plate. If you wish, your own label can be placed in this position.

PAGES—100 pages 11x8½ inches, made of a heavy 24 pound Ledger paper. The pages are neatly printed in a light grey, with quadrille ground 9x6½ inches in area, divided in quarters with white gutter for a guide in mounting. A panel at top of page for names and data.

An inner folder holds the pages thus making it easy and simple to change any page instantly and to readily place them in the binder.

	Shipping Weight	
Album complete	4 lbs.	$2.75
Binder only	2 lbs.	1.75
Pages, per 100	2 lbs.	1.00

(Carriage extra, see shipping weight.)

Glassine Paper for Interleaving 50c per 100, Postpaid

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News of the New Stamps

6c and 9c Parks Stamps

Third Assistant Postmaster General,
Washington, August 21, 1934.

Postmasters and employees of the Postal Service are hereby notified that two additional stamps in the 6-cent and 9-cent denominations, respectively, in the National Parks series are about ready for issuance.

Both stamps are arranged horizontally and are of the same size, 84/100 by 44/100 inch, as those already issued in this series. The 9-cent stamp is enclosed in a narrow double line border and will be printed in pink color. The central design depicts a scene from the Glacier National Park, showing lofty Mount Rockwell in the distance and Two Medicine Lake with bordering forest trees in the foreground. Arranged vertically at either end are ruled panels in which are enclosed panels of lighter shade, with indented ends containing, at the left, the wording "U. S. Postage", and "Glacier" at the right, all in solid Roman lettering. In the lower right corner is a small square with light background and double line border enclosing the denomination designation "9" in dark color.

The 6-cent stamp is enclosed in a narrow ruled panel border. A view of Crater Lake in Crater Lake National Park, showing portions of the surrounding rim and Wizard Island, occupies the major part of the space within the border. In a horizontal line in the upper central part of the stamp are the words "U.S. Postage" in solid modified Gothic. In rectangular panels, with light background and double line borders, in each lower corner is the denomination designation "6c" in solid Gothic. In a narrow horizontal panel with light ground at the base of the stamp is the title "Crater Lake" in solid Gothic letters.

The 9-cent stamp of this special series will be first placed on sale at the post offices in Glacier Park, Mont., and Washington, D. C., on August 27, 1934. The 6-cent stamp containing the Crater Lake design will be placed on sale at the post offices in Crater Lake, Oreg., and Washington, D. C., on September 5, 1934. Both of these denominations will be available at other post offices as soon after the above dates as stocks thereof can be printed and distributed.

For the benefit of stamp collectors, the 9-cent and 6-cent stamps of the national park series will also be placed on sale at the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, on the designated first day of sale. Shipment will be greatly expedited if collectors will exclude from their orders for these stamps other denominations of this series that have not yet been placed on sale.

Collectors desiring first-day cancellations of the 9-cent and 6-cent stamps of this series may send a limited number of addressed envelopes not to exceed ten (10) of each to the postmaster at the above-mentioned offices, or Washington, D. C., with a cash or postal money order remittance payable to the postmaster to cover the value of the stamps required for affixing. Personal checks and other postage stamps will positively not be accepted in payment. Covers will be accepted from individual subscribers only and shall be legibly addressed. Compliance cannot be made with unusual requests, such as for the affixing of stamps bearing plate number or the irregular placing of the stamps on the covers, etc.

Requests for a supply of uncanceled stamps of these special issues must not be included with orders for first day covers. Stamps needed for postage purposes should be purchased at the local post office, but stamps of selected quality for collection use may be obtained on mail orders to the Philatelic Agency.

C. B. Eilenberger,
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

Special-Delivery Air-Mail Postage Stamp

Third Assistant
Postmaster General,
Washington, Aug. 17, 1934.

Postmasters and employees of the Postal Service are notified that the Department is preparing to issue a special postage stamp in the 16-cent denomination for use on air mail matter in which provision is also made for special delivery.

The new stamp is $^{84}/_{100}$ by $1^{44}/_{100}$ inches in dimensions and is arranged horizontally. The stamp is enclosed in a narrow double line border and is printed in blue ink. The central subject is a reproduction of the Great Seal of the United States of America. Across the top of the stamp are the words "Special Delivery" in white roman lettering. On the sides of the stamp, arranged vertically, in white gothic are the words "U. S. Postage" at the left, and "Air Mail" at the right. Along the bottom of the stamp below the central design is the word "Cents" in white roman, on either side of which is the denomination designation "16."

The 16-cent special-delivery air-mail stamp will be first offered for sale at the American Air Mail Society Convention Station, Chicago, Ill., on August 30, 1934.

Collectors desiring first-day cancelations of the 16-cent special-delivery air-mail stamp on that date may send addressed covers, not to exceed ten (10), to the Postmaster, Chicago, Ill., with a cash or postal money order remittance payable to the postmaster to cover the value of the stamps required for affixing. Personal checks and postage stamps will positively not be accepted in payment. Covers will be accepted from individual subscribers only and shall be addressed legibly with ample space left

for the placing of stamps. Compliance cannot be made with unusual requests such as the affixing of plate number blocks, etc.

Requests for a supply of uncanceled stamps of this issue must not be included with orders for first-day covers. Stamps needed for mailing purposes should be purchased at the local post office, while stamps of selected quality for collection use should be secured on mail order to the Philatelic Agency.

The 16-cent special-delivery airmail stamp will be placed on sale at the post office, Washington, D. C., and the Philatelic Agency on August 31, and at other post offices as needed for mailing use, beginning September 1 or as soon thereafter as production will permit.

Collectors desiring covers with the Washington, D. C., cancelation on August 31 may send a limited number of addressed covers to the post master under the rules specified herein.

Postmasters at direct and central-accounting post offices having public demand therefor may submit requisition to the Department for a limited quantity not to exceed 2 months' estimated supply of 16-cent special-delivery-air mail stamps on form 3201. Postmasters at district post offices will obtain needed stocks of this stamp by requisition on the central-accounting post office.

C. B. Eilenberger,
Third Assistant
Postmaster General.

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Special Issue of 3-Cent National Parks Stamps

Third Assistant
Postmaster General,
Washington, Aug. 17, 1934.

The attention of postmasters and employees of the Postal Service is called to the special printing of 3-cent stamps of the Mount Rainier design in sheets of six stamps each on the stamp press to be operated by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in connection with the exhibition at the Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Society, Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 28, to Sept. 1, 1934.

The sheet will be approximately 4 by 3¾ inches in dimensions and printed in purple ink. It will be issued imperforate, but will be gummed in the same manner as ordinary stamps. In the narrow margin on the four sides of the sheet in small gothic lettering is the following wording: "Printed by the Treasury Department, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, under authority of James A. Farley, Postmaster General, in Compliment to the American Philatelic Society for its Convention and Exhibition, Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 1934."

This special sheet of stamps will be placed on sale Aug. 28, 1934, at the Branch Philatelic Agency, Atlantic City, which will also be operated in connection with the convention. No provision is being made for first day covers with this special sheet and requests for such service should not be sent to the Branch Philatelic Agency or the postmaster, Atlantic City.

As the special sheet is being primarily issued as a souvenir of the American Philatelic Society Convention, stocks thereof will not be issued to post offices, and postmasters are requested not to submit requisitions therefor to the Department. The stamps of this special issue will, however, be valid for all postage purposes.

All mail orders for the souvenir sheet containing six 3-cent stamps each should be sent to the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., where the special issue will be available beginning Sept. 4, 1934.

Postmasters may furnish information to the above effect to local collectors who make inquiry.

C. B. Eilenberger,
Third Assistant
Postmaster General.

The big annual meeting of the Fort Steuben Philatelic Society to be held at Steubenville, Ohio, October 13, 14, is to be favored with a display from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington.

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202	5c Blue Postal Union	.30	2.50
203	20c Regina good copies	1.25	—
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1913	Albania, Independence, 27-33 used	.35
1931	Dutch Indies, 282-285 mint	.30
1921	Sweden, 4th Centenary, 144-145 used	.45
1927	Switzerland, Pestalozzi, 446-448 used	.15
1914	Switzerland, Huber, 465-468 used	.30
1916	Spain, Cervantes, 864-871 mint	.18

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Stamp Clubs Are Active

The Mahoning Valley Stamp Club of Youngstown, Ohio, will hold its third big annual party at the Hotel Ohio, October 6, 7. There will be an exhibition, bourse and banquet. As is usual with meetings of this sort, all stamp collectors are invited to attend. Anyone wishing to make hotel reservations or reservation for the banquet can address Frank A. Munroe, Jr., Secretary, 279 North Heights Ave., Youngstown.

The New Jersey Philatelic Federation will hold its Fourth Annual Exhibition at the Mosque Theatre in Newark, N. J., October 11 to 14. Entries for the exhibit are solicited from all stamp collectors and the entry date closes October 1st.

A complete prospectus of the Exhibition with a schedule of exhibits and classifications as well as other information for prospective exhibitors can be had by addressing Henry E. Miller, Hotel Douglas, Newark, N. J.

The annual "get-to-gether" dinner of the Hackensack Philatelic Society will be held on Friday Evening, September 21st. Tickets for the dinner are at $1.00 each and all stamp collectors are cordially invited to attend. Make your reservation at once by remitting for your ticket to Mr. G. J. Heines, 165 Tenafly Road, Tenafly, N. J.

At the first annual election of the new Gateway Philatelic Society of Chicago, Mr. Torkel Gundel was elected president for the 1935 season. This Society holds its meetings on the second and fourth Mondays each month at the Jefferson Park Field House. All collectors in the vicinity are invited.

The Fifth Annual Stamp Show of the Chester Stamp Club, Chester, Pa., will be held October 18, 19, 20, in the YMCA Building.

A New Color Chart

Perhaps one of the greatest handicaps to anyone attempting to make a color chart is the reckless disregard of naming the colors of stamps that is practiced by the cataloguers of our stamps. It is not uncommon to find stamps of identical color, named one thing in one country and something else in another country in the catalogue while it is also noted that the American and Foreign catalogues use different color names for identical stamps so that to make a color chart that will match with a stamp catalogue is a very difficult undertaking.

However Mr. H. A. Froom of San Diego, Calif., has attempted a color chart which besides sampling and identifying a number of colors, goes into detail as to their composition and in that way makes a very interesting little pamphlet for anyone interested in trying to study colors.

The price of the chart is 50 cents and may be had of the publisher at 2420 Vancouver Ave., San Diego.

Surprise on Herman Boers

Several Detroit collectors recently held a surprise party for Herman Boers, grand old man of the Michigan Stamp Club. Mr. Boers has been confined to his home for several years. He was for many years the club's publicity manager and he is its only life member.

Don R. Heath exhibited his famous motion pictures of Detroit Philatelic Celebrities. Others present were Horace F. Hartwell, Albert C. Butzen, Charles L. Brisley, J. E. Scott, John Daller and Karl Koslowski.

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OMAHA—1 to 10c-$2.25, 50c-$2.50, $1.00-$6.50, $2.00-$11.50.

PAN AMER.—1 to 10c-$1.75, ST. LOUIS—1 to 10c-$2.50. JAMESTOWN—1 to 5c-65c.

PILGRIM—1 to 5c-50c. WALLOON—1 to 5c-40c. LEXINGTON—1 to 5c-35c. NORSE—2c and 5c-65c.

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By W. C. RICE

Special to Linns Weekly Stamp News

A decision reached Saturday, a change in the color scheme of the National Parks series of stamps may not prove so confusing as might be expected. However it will cause considerable discomfiture to the many dealers whose covers were printed in the officially announced color. And this last minute change in color is from the usual orange for a six-cent stamp, to a blue for the six-cent Crater Lake stamp. Logically, a beautiful blue is more appropriate for a stamp depicting such a scene, but when announced as late as Tuesday, August 21, and officially at that, that the color would be orange, it seems a bit unreasonable to make a color switch scarcely ten days before the stamp is to go on sale. Most collectors of first day covers and dealers in the same will have to use the envelopes already in their possession, there is not sufficient time to print new supplies with the proper color, distribute them to the various collectors all over the country and allow for mailing to the Oregon office. As for the confusion in having both the five and six cent stamps printed in blue, that will not trouble the postal clerks so much as might be expected, for the five-cent Yellowstone was vertical, whereas the 6-cent Crater Lake stamp will be horizontal.

In rather a roundabout way, collectors, or some collectors at least, may be responsible for this last-minute change. At the time the color was originally announced as orange, there was more or less general dissatisfaction with that color for this particular subject. Apparently, this discontent reached ears of importance, for when the die-proofs were submitted they came in several colors. Blue was immediately selected!

Still more grief about shades! The pink color, officially announced for the Nine-cent Glacier Park stamp, may be pink, but to your observer, the difference appears slight betwen the color of this stamp released Monday, and that of the Grand Canyon issue. Woe to the postal clerk who mixes his stock of these stamps, and distributes a sheet of nines to a buyer of twos. That would be woe to the extent of $3.50 deduction from his own funds. As late as Saturday morning, we had only one of the plate numbers for the nine-cent Glacier Park stamp, 21316. Two plates for the 16-cent airmail special delivery had been finished, with the numbers 21312 and 21313.

Collectors of plate number blocks from the Canal Zone may be interested in knowing that the plate numbers of the new three cent commemorative are 129223—129224. These stamps were printed on the flat-bed presses. First day of sale was scheduled for August 15.

Dates for Park Stamps

For the benefit of stamp collectors who may desire to arrange for first day covers, the following advance information is given on forthcoming issues of the new Parks stamps.

9-cent	Aug.	27	Glacier Park, Montana
6-cent	Sept.	5	Crater Lake, Oregon
8-cent	Sept.	18	Zion National Park, Utah
4-cent	Sept.	25	Mesa Verde Nat'l Park, Colorado
7-cent	Oct.	2	Bar Harbor, Maine
10-cent	Oct.	8	Gatlinburg, Tenn.

The stamps of the National Parks series listed above will also be placed on sale the first day at the Washington, D. C., post office.

Collectors desiring first day covers may send a limited number of addressed envelopes, not to exceed ten (10), to the postmaster at any of the above post offices with a postal money order or cash remittance covering the cost of the stamps required, under the same rules as specified for first day cover service in prior notices of the Department. Requests for first day covers should not be sent to the respective post offices so as to be received earlier than two weeks in advance of the specified dates.

All mail order requests from collectors for mint stamps listed in this notice should be directed to the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C.

A Real Irishman

An item in the August 18 issue telling of a cover from Ireland with real Irish Inscription printed on it brings a response from Joseph P. Furey, who says he is a real Irishman and can read the print.

Mr. Furey also calls attention to the fact that the implement in the hand of the athlete on the Irish Athletic stamp is known as a Camen, and that the game played with the Camen is not soccer, for soccer is played with the feet. Yet Mr. Furey fails to tell us the name of the game that is played with the Camen, so after all we are led to question his claim of being a real Irishman.

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U. S. REVIEW

THOMAS F. WHITBREAD
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Inquiries regarding U. S. Issues will be answered in this column. If a personal reply is desired enclose a stamped and addressed envelope.

Miss Vivian M. Green opens an interesting subject with her question—"Why is it that No. 373, of which only 216,840, were issued, catalogues only 60c while No. 575, of which 16 million were supposedly issued, catalogues 75c? How do you explain this and other apparent discrepancies in value?" The example of 373 and 575 is explained by a story which, while we cannot vouch for its veracity, has nevertheless come to be quite a legend in the stamp world. Any different versions than the one given below will be appreciated.

It seems that one day a group of dealers and collectors were discussing the pros and cons of stamps in the company of one of Wall Street's golden bears, back in the golden age which ended in 1929. The broker suggested that what was done with stocks could easily be done with stamps. That is, an artificial market could be created which would force up the price. A bet of one sort or another was made and stamp No. 575, the 1c 1922 imperforate was accepted as a likely stamp on which to try the experiment.

At the time it was selling at 3c or thereabouts. Things worked well, the group bought all the 575s offered. They cleaned out all the dealers. One dealer asked another for this stamp. None had any. The price started to rise. We remember going into Scott's twice a week regularly for ten weeks to buy this stamp—but with no success. Auction prices went up. 575 changed hands at constantly mounting prices. Clever publicity to the effect that only 160,000 of this number were issued appeared and the stage was set. 575 sold for $5 a block at auction and Scotts raised the price from 6c to $1. The plan had worked. Thus far the success of this effort has been fair. The price gradually receded to 40c from which it has now risen to 55c retail which, while it may still be considered a slightly inflated value, it is not liable to lose.

Thus Wall Street entered Nassau with marked success. Manipulation is not always so successful. About a year and a half ago a similar move was attempted with No. 481 but to no avail. More recently the 2c Harding No. 612 has been the object of a boom, with more justification as only 400 thousand are available for collectors, according to accepted records.

Sometimes deflation occurs by a reverse process although this is usually unpremeditated. For example, about two years ago some foreign airmail set was offered on the New York market. Only 50 sets of a really scarce issue were offered. Cash was scarce too, and the dealer to whom they were offered, not being able to take them himself called another dealer. The process was repeated until every dealer in New York thought every other dealer had 50 sets to sell. They all called up Scotts and, by totalling all the offers, they deduced there must be 500 or more sets on the market. "Hum", they said, "that's too bad, we shall have to cut the price", and cut it they did, right to the bone. All for a little lot of 50 sets which no dealer happened to have the cash to buy.

But to get back to the main subject. Often what appear to be wide discrepancies in price are more often caused by actual supply and demand than artificial causes. A stamp is sometimes largely used and destroyed before the shortness of the issue is realized. Or another issue may be saved because it is known to be short. Then people who bought and later need money release them, thus keeping the market down for an indefinite period. In any event, the whys and wherefors of the stamp market are based, perhaps, on more actual values than are those of stocks for the simple reason that a constant demand makes a never-ending drain on an existing supply which cannot be reproduced. Stock dividends are a common form of amusement on Wall Street—an impossibility on Nassau. Located near each other, these streets are far apart in operation as a general rule.

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We carry brief news items this week for three big stamp parties to be held in northeastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania, all within a comparatively short distance of each other. In each instance at Youngstown, Steubenville and Pittsburgh, the local clubs will do their best to outshine each other in the entertainment provided and in the exhibitions and other attractions that are to be a part of the individual affairs.

In the past, it had been our habit to attend as many of these events as possible. In all such cases it meant the use of two or three days' time and then coming home to a desk overloaded with work which must have our attention.

When these parties come a month apart it is not a serious matter to get to them and then get back home and caught up with one's work before the next affair, but in this instance the three events come almost on top of one another.

We believe in these big meetings. We know of nothing that will pep up a local club and have its effect on collectors for miles around so thoroughly as a big meeting. It is, however, expecting a lot of the average collector to ask him to attend several meetings in rapid succession. Few collectors can either spare the time or stand the expense. It is fortunate therefore that in each instance, there are usually enough local collectors plus those in the nearby territory to make a representative gathering.

Doubtless many of these meetings are the result of the big annual meeting that has been held at Akron each year for many years past. The sponsors of these various other meetings have been to Akron and go home with the thought that they, too, can have a big party, but to duplicate the annual Akron meeting one needs first gain a reputation that will draw collectors from hundreds of miles, and it is only in this way that a large gathering can be had.

The annual Akron meeting for several years past has been a bigger gathering than any of the National Societies can boast. There are many reasons for this, but the principal ones are that there are enough active collectors in the surrounding territory to get the crowd from and to attend the meeting one does not have to be a member of the club and pay dues, although doubtless a very large percentage of those who do attend the Akron meeting would gladly pay a small fee for the sole privilege of attending this annual meeting.

The collector does not object to paying if he is so situated that he can attend and take part in the annual meetings of a club to which he pays dues.

We have often remarked that one of the nice things about belonging to a Stamp Society is attending its conventions, but when the conventions of a society are held so far from one's home that the cost of attending is prohibitive to 98 per cent of its membership, then that society is not going to draw members for the sole purpose of attending conventions.

Thus while we approve of these large annual meetings for local clubs, we do feel that they are apt to expect too much when they expect collectors to travel 100 to 200 miles to attend, especially when three of them hold meetings in a single month. It is therefore necessary that all collectors who are close by should make it a point to attend these meetings and thus swell the crowd, for you will find it well worth while.

Here in Ohio, we should like to see an organization of Ohio Stamp Clubs, with the principal object a big meeting each spring and each fall. Twice a year at different cities in the state. Events put on in such a manner that competitive exhibits could be held for Ohio collectors only. Meetings that would hold a smoker on Friday night, be open all day Saturday, with a banquet on Saturday night, and continue on through Sunday.

Two big meets each year in Ohio would draw a larger attendance than any National Stamp Society convention ever had and would do much to bring stamp collecting to the fore in Ohio.

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In regard to prices, I have had no time to get a real check on them, but just noticed that Columbus B53 has at last got some of the increase it has deserved. The Twelfth Edition listed it at $1.00—$5.00. The new catalogue lists the same item, $2.50—$12.50. That is more in line with the supply at any rate. Still make the assertion that Dr. Mitchell can not be beat when it comes to pricing. He certainly hits the nail on the head. Congratulations, Doctor, and number me among your most ardent admirers.

Will try and give a more comprehensive review on the new edition in the next edition. At the present time I am behind schedule as it is, so must let that pleasure go at this time. Hope you have not forgotten to order your copy from your dealer.

E. S. Thresher may have the DT's and most everything else, but he is certainly not out of his mind when he says, "Don't mark the backs of your Buros." I am getting that way myself. I have seen the entire appearance of a copy ruined by this practice. Have you ever tried to eradicate those pencil marks? They just won't come off clean, so let's not do it!

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Don Dickason gives some very interesting information regarding the first actual eastbound flight of air mail from Roanoke, Va. It appears that the eastbound plane on A. M. 23 on July 18th was grounded in Texas, and later re-routed via a lighted airway from Nashville eastward, and that all accumulated covers forwarded by the westbound plane out of Roanoke on the 18th, while the first flight eastward from that city took place on July 19th and carried exactly 28 philatelic covers in its three pounds of mail.

First Glider Flight

Ancient documents show that the first successful glider flight was performed at Foca, Bosnia, in 1549, when Hafis-Effendi, a prominent Bosnian architect, as a feature of the delivery day of the mosque to the clergy announced that he would fly from the top of the church to the ground. Hafis climbed the highest minaret, fastened two wooden wings to his arms, repeating the Icarus stunt, from a height of 100 feet, gliding safely across the Cehotina River and landing in the meadows. Thanks to J. C. Morgan for this clipping.

Glider Air Train

John C. Morgan shows me a cover carried by the N. Y.-Washington Sky Train Flight. It bears the circular cachet of the Lustig Co. and was postmarked at Washington, D. C., Aug. 3, 11 P. M., and was one of three covers sent by him to Floyd Bennett Field. He also encloses clipping which says that each glider carried around 4000 covers, so that they should not be scarce if that is true. He also shows me cover postmarked at Detroit Air Mail Field July 1st, 6 A. M., and backstamped Milwaukee Air Mail, July 1, 3:30 P. M., so that it was evidently carried by the Pennsylvania Air Line first flight between those cities. Wm. T. Raley writes that he only got one cover on the glider flight for a correspondent.

Dedications

Zanesville, Ohio, airport was dedicated Aug. 11th, with pictorial cachet by the American Legion . . . Lewiston, Mont., dedication was set for Aug. 26th. . . . Princeton, W. Va., will dedicate its airport Sept. 3d, with cachet by the Chamber of Commerce . . . Marietta, Ohio, dedication some time in Sept. Covers to J. J. Goldish, Box 584.

England-Holland

Warren L. McKenzie writes that direct air mail service from London to Holland was inaugurated Aug. 13th. The postage 4d for the first ounce and 3d each additional ounce.

Historical and Other Cachets

The Aero Club will have cachet for the coming visit of British Air Squadron, and covers should go to George Fawkes, 567 West 18th Ave., Vancouver, B. C., and must bear Canadian stamps or cash with which to buy same.

R. Kaplan, 345 Wilkins St., Rochester, N. Y., offers to mail covers for Last Day of the Centennial there, Sept. 8th.

Aug. 13th U.S.S. Macon made a second visit to Camp Kearney, and Michael Sussman sends covers with nice cachet mailed on board U.S.S. Algorma. There was fine cachet Aug. 13th at Moffett Field for Macon flight to San Francisco for the American Legion parade and F. H. James states that 319 covers were mailed.

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First Cachet

The first cachet ever to be sponsored by the newly organized Pennsylvania Chapter No. 21, USCS, will be for Navy Day and will be cancelled aboard the USS Pennsylvania, quite appropriately, where R. S. Ewing, who is not the mail clerk but an accommodating collector himself, will see that nice cancels result. Send your covers for this initial cachet to F. C. Kenworthy, Lane Hotel, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. No dues accepted and only standard size covers. Include 1 cent per cover forwarding postage.

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Cup Races Cachet

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Future Northhampton

When that popular cruiser, the USS Northampton, starts back on its long trip to the west coast, a beautiful cachet will be applied to covers that are mailed enroute. Send 5 covers and no postage dues, to Leo Miller, Navy Mail Clerk, care postmaster, New York City.

Tuscaloosa Cancels

Many are complaining over the poor cancels that killed stamps on covers for the Tuscaloosa commission on Aug. 17. E. F. McAndrews, the navy mail clerk, explains that he was so swamped with covers he was hard put to get them out at all. At least four different cachets graced covers for the occasion, and many thousand were cancelled. This ship starts her shakedown soon, as noted here two weeks ago, and if you haven't sent your covers — seven of them — rush them to McAndrews, care postmaster, Philadelphia, Pa.

Straight Line Cancels

John C. Gillespie, 3630 Greystone Ave., New York City, wants all the information readers can supply him regarding ships which use the straight line cancel, as he wishes to compile a check list that later will be made public. So far, he has the Owl, Allegheny, Sandpiper, Milwaukee and California State. Will readers please co-operate with Gillespie in supplying this information?

Navy Day Cachet

Robert L. Manley, Box 36, Columbus, Ohio, is sponsoring a Navy Day cachet to be cancelled on board the USS Manley, a coincidence of names. Do not send covers to the mail clerk, but to Manley at Columbus, with 1 cent forwarding postage, and a nice cachet is promised.

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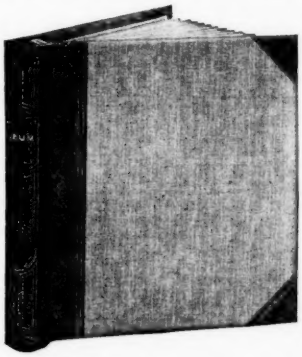

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It happens that I am an ardent stamp collector. Early in 1915 a series of letters between an elderly retired business man named Joseph Marks, living in London, and a man at The Hague excited the suspicion of the censor.

The censor did not know why these letters between two collectors should worry him, but they did, and he turned them over to me.

The letters were simplicity themselves, just lists of duplicate stamps that each one owned and stamps that he wanted to trade them for. But as I looked over the list I was struck by one thing. In all the long lists there was no stamps offered or asked with a value of more than 25 cents. That is, if American, 25 cents—or 25 centimes, if French, and so on.

Then I got out my stamp catalogue and went to work. There was an order for a 20 centime French, unwatermarked, imperforate stamp of a certain date. My catalogue showed no such stamp had ever been issued. Now I knew something was wrong and decided to take a chance as a wartime emergency measure.

I arrested Joseph Marks.

I examined his rooms and found nothing—until I came to a cabinet.

"Those are only my stamps," he said, laughing. "There's nothing in there but albums, stamps, magnifying glasses, tweezers, watermark detectors and stamp hinges for mounting specimens. It's hardly worth your while to examine them, inspector."

Just the same I started going through them, while he kept up a running conversation about the friend in Holland with whom he exchanged stamps.

"I suppose you are always adding to this collection," I said.

"Oh, yes," he said.

I knew he was lying, for the stamp hinges were all stuck together and showed plainly that none had been used in months.

Then, in the back of an album, I found a list and it was all over. Neatly typewritten it read:

"Wanted . . . . certain."
"Offered . . . . uncertain."
"Unused . . . . gone."
"Imperforated . . . . undefended."
"Perforated . . . . defended."
"Unwatermarked . . . . no aeroplanes."
"Watermarked . . . . aeroplanes."
"Good condition . . . . big."
"Medium condition . . . . medium."
"Any condition . . . . small."
"Surcharged . . . . submarines."

Every alleged order for stamps was a concealed message to the enemy.

Marks confessed then and gave us valuable information of the enemy's spy activities in England, thereby saving himself from death before a firing squad. He was sentenced to jail for the duration of the war and five years after the declaration of peace.—Newark Star-Eagle.

The World in Review

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RAY SHEPARD, . . . 1529 DUXBERRY AVE., . . . COLUMBUS, OHIO

AUSTRIA—Further data on the forthcoming new series of postage stamps, first heralded in our notes of May 26th. Announced colors will be:

1gr., deep purple; 3gr., vermillion; 4gr. deep green; 5gr., red lilac; 6gr., blue; 8gr., green; 12gr., brown; 20gr., pale red brown; 24gr., blue green; 25gr., blue purple; 30gr., brown purple; 35gr., red lilac; 40gr., deep gray blue; 45gr., red brown; 60gr., blue; 64gr., brown; 1sh., purple; and 2sh., gray green.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

BRITISH GUIANA—The color of the 3c. pictorial announced in our issue of Aug. 11th, is RED.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

GRENADA—Colors of the set announced in our notes of Aug. 11th, are as follows: ½p., green; 1p., sepia; 1½p., red; 2p., orange; 2½p., blue; 3p., olive; 6p., purple; 1s., light brown; 2s6p., azure; and 5s., mauve. All are in two colors, the second color being black, except the ½p. and 2½p., which are in the one color noted only.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

GUATEMALA—We are informed that a set will appear in July, 1935, to commemorate the birth centenary of Rufino Barrios.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

IRAQ—We learn from Baghdad that those post offices which still have stocks of King Feisal stamps will continue selling them until exhaustion. They will not be withdrawn because of the new King Ghazi issue.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

ITALY—Mr. R. Roberts reports a value in the Fiume Decennale Commemorative set chronicled by us April 21st. It is an Air Express stamp and whether it is a change in color of the one noted in our previous listing, or an error in either our former listing, we do not know. Anyway we note:

2L. plus 1.25L. blue

Mr. Roberts also advises of two additional stamps of Italy:

PP3—10L. mauve

Air Express, large transverse oblong
2L. black

KUWAIT—Another value to add to the set noted Aug. 11th:

½a. green

(Gibbons' Supplement)

MAURITIUS—We don't know whether many of our readers bother about the different dies, but in case you do, new supplies of the 2c., 5c., 25c., and 1R. are now appearing in Die II.

(Philatelic Magazine)

NEW ZEALAND—Every stamp in the 4th horizontal row of the "Trans-Tasman" Air stamp, chronicled by us March 31st, shows a broken "N" in the word "IN" of the overprint.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

ROUMANIA—1934 Jamboree of the Boy Scouts, has been honored, by overprinting seven values of the 1932 Boy Scout series. The overprint reading "MAMAIA 1934" and the Arms of the district of Constantza:

SP20—25b. plus 25b. peacock green (black)
SP21—50b. " 50b. bright blue (gold)
SP22—1L. " 1L. olive green (black)
SP23—2L. " 2L. orange red (black)
SP24—3L. " 3L. Prussian blue (gold)
SP25—6L. " 6L. black brown (gold)

(Philatelic Magazine)

SWEDEN—Mr. R. Roberts reports that he observed that some of the recent issues of the current Swedish stamps appearing on a very much whiter paper and the Deputy Director of the G. P. O., informed him that this new paper is known as 1C and 3A. He quotes as follows: "1C is a trial paper and was only used for printing a small issue of the 10 ore and 15 ore stamps and has since not been used. At present the new 3A is exclusively used for printing. The percentage of rag is 40 in the 1C and 75 in the 3A. The white color of the paper depends only on the use of bleached paper pulp instead of unbleached at the manufacture." Mr. Roberts reports the following values in the coil stamps, perf. 10 vert., on the 3A paper: A16—5 ore—green; A20—15 ore—bright scarlet; A20—45 ore—sepia; A18—115 ore—red brown. And the following perf. 10 vert. on the 1C paper: A16 (re-touched die)—10 ore—violet; A20—15 ore—bright scarlet. Also the A16—5 ore—green, perf. 13 vert.

New Canadian Commemorative

A new Canadian postage stamp will be available at the Philatelic Section of this Department on and after the 16th August, 1934, as follows:—

2c double-size stamp commemorating the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Founding of New Brunswick.

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3c N. R. A., 1933
1c Chicago (sheets of 25)
3c Chicago (sheets of 25)
50c Zeppelin, 1933
3c Byrd, 1933
5c Kosciusko, 1933
3c Byrd (sheets of 6)
3c Maryland, 1934
3c Mothers Day (flat), 1934
3c Mothers Day (rotary), 1934
3c Wisconsin, 1934

National Park Series

1c Yosemite
2c Grand Canyon
3c Mt. Rainier
5c Yellowstone

Jugoslavia—Remainders

Remainders of Jugoslavia Scott's Numbers 823, 824, 825, have been sold below face value.

Scott Nos.	Quantity
823	1,600,000
824	700,000
825	820,000

The entire lot was sold for approximately $2,400.00, or at one-half cent per set, not counting the one million copies No. 823. It is obvious the stamp market will be flooded with these stamps shortly, and dealers should be cautious.—Der Briefmarkenhaendler, Berlin.

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Precancels

Information regarding new issues and notes of interest on all Precancels, other than Buro Prints, should be sent direct to the Editor of this column.

K. M. GIERHART, BALTIMORE, OHIO

G. A. Pierce of Eustis, Fla., submits the first 3c Park precancel. A beautiful Mt. Rainier from the home town in a type resembling U-82 and reading up. Also a 1c Yosemite in same type reading across. Some might want to call this type a U-122 but the 1c shows plainly that it is a product of a rubber handstamp unless I am fooled. Both were on the original covers and had been returned because of being non-deliverable.

Other 1c Yosemite came thru from R. R. Yates of Joliet, Ill., on his mission mix price list. This one read up in U-122. No doubt several other positions of this will exist. A neat one came in from Hempstead, N. Y., in U-14 down. This one was mailed by Jerome Puma on his price list of philatelic supplies. Still another one from Amsterdam, N. Y., evidently an electro or type-set made especially for these stamps. Type resembles U-10 but much smaller.

The new reissued 3c Lincoln will not be recognized by Scotts as a new variety, so the precancel collector will have one less variety to deal with. Anyhow it would have been very difficult to have distinguished the former from the reissued ones. I guess you couldn't unless you had the sheet with the plate numbers on them. Speaking of plate numbers reminds me to mention that within the past several months I have run on to a few collectors that are saving precancels with the plate number attached.

Chris Schneider of Ableman, Wis., presents me with three nice items from his home town. The ½c and 1c ord. comp and ½c Bi-Cent. in U-120. Rock quarries are the industries at this place, but one would think it would take larger denomination stamps than the above to send rocks thru the mail.

Sidney Shayman of Chicago came thru with a nice lot for inspection. One that I had not seen before was a 6c ord. comp. from New Matamoras, Ohio. A new one on me. Some nice San Juan, P. R., items in U-120. A 9c ord. comp. and 3c Stuart and a 7c and 8c Bi-Cent., the latter two went to my collection, with the compliments of Mr. Shayman. Also included was a 13c and 14c perf. 11. Newport News, Va., in U-121. John Wilson got rounded up another nice lot of commems for me to lot over too. Kosciuskos from Peoria, Ill., in U-4 invert. Kansas City, Kans., in U-121 and Erie, Pa., in U-1 the latter one he had as an extra so now it's mine. Charlotte, N. C., 1c C. of P. in U-12 up and A MARYLAND from Stover, Mo., in U-122 double up and a MOTHERS DAY from La Monte, Mo., in U-122 down and in a red-purple ink. These last two items were mentioned some time ago in the MULE but no positions were given. John has also been able to run down a 7c and 9c 1922 perf. 10 from Jamacia in U-10. These are unlisted items and John's pets so he is muchly tickled.

tion at Philadelphia. Was very dis- I was not able to make the convenappointed to say the least. Will try and get the high lights and happenings of interest for you thru some of my friends who were fortunate enough to attend. And don't forget now is the best time to join the Precancel Stamp Society. I'll furnish you particulars.

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At the Model Airplane meet at Islip, New York, Sept. 29th, there will be a printed cachet for all who want it. Not more than two covers to any collector. Send standard size covers, stamped and addressed ready to mail to Chamber of Commerce.

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BROADWAY CHATTER

By BI STANDER

A man's wife figured in a stamp deal. Richard Rost, 48 years old, a stamp dealer was arrested with his wife Hildegarde, 30, and Paul Herman, 41, an engineer, all of Union City, N. J. Rost sold his wife to Herman for $700 as he found Herman loved her. With the proceeds he bought stamps. Then he found his stamp collection missing and accused his wife of taking it, and demanded that Herman pay him. Herman refused and Rost tried to induce his wife to return home. She declined. The police heard of this and arrested the whole bunch. What a triangle—a stamp one at that?

A collector received a letter from Turks Islands recently with four Turks Islands green half-penny stamps. The stamp catalogs No. 44 of 1882, more than 50 years ago, and 19 years before Turks was merged with Caicos Island. Several British possessions, it is explained, are still sending letters mostly to England with odd stamps of the last century. These are usually found in old business files and because they have never been demonetized can still be used in the mails of today. This could not be done with the Queen Victoria nor the King Edward stamps as they were demonetized some years ago.

George Mistler of 413 Springdale Avenue, East Orange, N. J., was held on $25,000 bail by the Federal Grand Jury in Newark, N. J., and charged with printing counterfeit internal revenue stamps.

Bob Davis of the New York Sun, the dean of reporters who travels around the world and records his experiences with various interesting people on shipboard and off, fills a column in the N. Y. Sun of August 16th, and entitles it "Proof that there is no escape from Stamp Collectors". On a trip to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, feeling that he would meet nobody on this trip as he wished rest he runs into his friend William D. Cox (Bill for short). Cox tells him he is now collecting stamps and is interested in birds on stamps and also animals on the adhesives. Cox tells Davis that a night watchman one morning in Washington, stopped at the Post Office Department where the air mail issue was being sold to collectors at DOUBLE THEIR FACE VALUE. The clerk handed out a sheet on which twelve of the stamps had been inverted, the central picture was upside down in the frame. The next day a single specimen of the inverted stamps brought $2,000. This certainly is newspaper license as most every philatelist knows a full sheet was found with the airplane inverted and the first sales by a dealer in Philadelphia to collectors was $200 a copy, after Col. Green took what he wanted out of the sheet.

Were we green with envy? We dropped into the Jamaica Post Office and were informed that six months ago when moving into its new building all old stamps were sold to a wise dealer at face. Among some of the issues were NORSE AMERICANS.

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